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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing you in reference to the proposed settlement with Microsoft. After reviewing the terms as published in the various news media I have great concern that this is nothing more than a minor inconvenience for Microsoft and does not address the core issues at hand. With the release of Windows XP and the public statements concerning the .Net future of Microsoft it is easily apparent that Microsoft wishes to Hijack the Internet and e commerce to its own advantage. The mandated usage of Passport to install Windows XP, its requirement in Hotmail accounts and Microsoft Messaging service only extends the reach as neither service needs Passport and XP doesn't either. The IE 6.0 departure from JAVA and other Internet standards only shows how far they will go to press Microsoft as the holder of all things with PC and Internet. Microsoft's continues to advance itself at the cost of others. If it cannot gain market by providing a better product then it makes sure that its products cannot be used with others recent example the ending of support for navigator plug in's in IE6 which is included with XP. This rendered useless anyone's Apple Quicktime. No warning just can't use it. If you want to see in print how far they will go to control everything read the EULA that is in MS FrontPage 2002. Pre censorship. All to ensure that if you don't say nice things about MS you can be sued. Is this a company that is remorseful and willing to change its ways from destroy, devour and intimidate. I think not. If the Judicial system accepts this agreement in its current state it is only an endorsement for Microsoft to continue unabated as it can still devour, destroy and intimidate unchecked by just "making it a feature" and it is ok. I endorse stronger and specific remedy that is enforceable. Just like any convicted person they have been found guilty and as such should not be able to have say in the oversight of their behavior. It is the duty of government to do those things that individuals cannot do and one of those is to protect the public from predatory behavior whether it is a person, a group or in this case a company.

Sincerely

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